

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

*Amendments*

***In the Specification:***

Please substitute the following paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 1, lines 3-6.

a<sup>1</sup>  
This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/141,522, filed August 27, 1998, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of the filing dates of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/056,263, filed August 29, 1997; 60/060,131, filed September 26, 1997; and 60/085,247, filed May 13, 1998; the disclosures of all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

***In the Claims:***

~~Please cancel claims 10, 13, 16, 19, 21-36, and 41-42 without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

Please amend the following claims:

Please substitute the following claim 1 for the currently pending claim 1:

a<sup>2</sup>  
1. (Once amended) A nucleic acid polymerase which has been modified to increase or enhance fidelity, wherein said modification corresponds to amino acid position Arg722, or Lys726, or Arg722 and Lys726 of a *Thermotoga neopolitana* polymerase.